

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 31-63 are pending, with claims 36-42, 44-46, 48, 50 and 55-57 as being withdrawn as non-elected. Claim 63 was allowed and claim 34 was objected to.

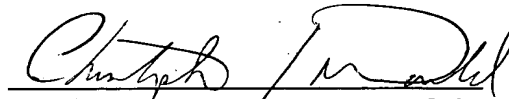
Claim 34 has been rewritten in independent form. In addition, claims 31 and 62 have been amended.

The Examiner rejected several claims as being anticipated by Schulz-Harder. A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 indicates that the inventions were commonly owned at the time of the invention. In addition, the claimed subject matter of the application is different from the claimed subject matter of the patent. It is therefore requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 31-33, 35, 43, 47, 51-54 and 58-62 as being anticipated by Staskus. Claims 31 and 62 have been amended to state that the interior space is completely sealed from the environment and from any food access. Staskus discloses a cooler arrangement performed by a plurality of plates joined to one another in a stack. The interior is formed by the plates and is not completely sealed from contact with the environment. The amended claims overcome this citation.

A three-month extension of time and the fee for an additional independent claim accompanies this response. If any additional fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

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